

How will the purchasing of apps be facilitated?

Apple offers bulk discounts on apps, this is called Volume Purchase Program (VPP). This program offers a discount for bulk purchase of apps as opposed to single purchase from the iTunes store.

Apps that are charged/NOT free and recommended for purchase or deemed as mandatory for classroom use will be available via the VPP program.

How will this work?

Apps are purchased via the iTunes store St Patrick's account, and then a notification of a new download will appear in your personal St Patrick's email account. This means app costs will be charged to school fees and itemised as so.

At the start of the school year a bulk upload of apps will be carried out. Over the course of the coming year/s additional apps can be added as required.

What is the benefit of the VPP program?

Not only will this save money but it can limit the purchase of apps including ones for gaming. An iTunes account requires a credit card for set up so if you do not wish for any personal purchases to occur, do not set up a credit card on the iPad

If we purchase apps through St Patrick's, who owns the apps?

Each app is OWNED by individual students/iTunes accounts. This means the miss-use of any Apple content or app (for example re-distribution) is the responsibility of the iTunes account holder student.

2014 App Budget

Fifty dollars (\$50) has been budgeted for the purchase of App's.

This is a strategic option to allow for gradual additions to be made to student app collections based on what teaching and learning at the college demands.

Students need not be bombarded with bulk uploads at the start of the school year, but gradually introduced to new applications and technology as they emerge and become necessary.

Students CAN upload free apps prior to the school year starting, but will not have access to the discounted price of paid apps until the VPP program and the school year commences.

How do you sign up for an iTunes account without a credit card?

Students are NOT required to directly pay for apps required for school use, they are budgeted within school fees. To receive educational discounts on apps the College has have signed up for the Volume Purchase Program (see previous information on VPP).

St Patrick's will notify the student of new apps/software available to download via the SCHOOL email address. this means, if an existing iTunes account has been created, the email address will need to be updated when the school year starts, steps found here:

<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1918>

If a new iTunes account needs to be created direct from the iPad, there are simple steps to follow and conditions found here: <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT2534>

How is the use of the iPad and apps “student friendly?”

Recommended apps have been scanned for appropriate content, any additional games and apps purchased should be done with discretion. Please note that the Google Chrome web browsing app is NOT advised. It is installed with an age restricted warning and web browsing should be done within the standard Safari app and with this software installed:

http://www.dbcde.gov.au/online_safety_and_security/cybersafetyhelpbutton_download

Students will be taken through each of these steps in their installation days at the start of the 2014 school year.

Parents you will also be given the option of attending Parent Bootcamp afternoons or evenings so you can learn more about the students use of iPads and also learn some basic skills yourself.